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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear Chairman Pai and Commissioners O'Rielly, Carr, Rosenworcel, et al.

I've been a user of the internet since the time FTP, Gopher, and Bulletin Board Services were the norm. For Service Providers, I've used the phone company, ATT (Pac Bell), through dialup modems (14,400/28,000 bits per second); I later used Comcast Cable for internet via cable (DOCSIS 2) with higher speeds because of:

1) COMPETITION WITH ATT's DIALUP, but abysmal reliability (much, much, much less reliability than utilities like telephone or electric transmission and distribution networks), yet with Comcast's abysmal customer service, and

2) Improving technology, e.g., Comcast's cable shielding and inner conductor diameters

During these times in my part of San Francisco, except when Comcast began to deploy cable, there were no competitors to ATT or Comcast. Because of that we were gouged and treated poorly by both. I tried to participate in San Francisco's failed attempts to provide a free wifi network.

Then Sonic's fiber networks were deployed in my area. Because of Sonic's entrance into the market, we now have a combination of telephony and ultra fast internet access, decidedly below the rates we suffered with ATT & Comcast, essentially monopolies here.

I also suspect because of Sonic's fiber rollout ATT and Comcast have scrambled to improve customer service quality, rates, and delivery technologies (cabling/wiring geometries, and transmission relay electronics)--to the benefit of all.

I have vital business, educational, and personal needs for fast speeds and broad spectrum internet use. Additionally Sonic is an ISP that respects privacy, and because this company is small, I've even had its president, Mr. Dane Jasper, contact me privately on Twitter and by email on a specific business issue--with a satisfactory solution.

Only competition could have facilitated all this.

Thank God for Sonic.

And thank you for reading this.

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